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April 24, 2017

Mr. Patrick Devlin, President
Detroit Community Schools Board of Directors
12675 Burt Road
Detroit, Michigan 48223

Dear Mr. Devlin:

On Friday, April 14, 2017, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) sent Detroit Community Schools (DCS) the outcome of the appeal to Brian Whiston, State Superintendent of Instruction, in the matter regarding the certification status of Ms. Sharon McPhail and Ms. Echelle Jordan.

As you read in the documents sent to you, while the deduction against Ms. Jordan has been cleared, the deduction against McPhail stands, with a date of October 1, 2015 as the beginning of the out-of-compliance period.

Thus, in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 388.1763 and the Final Report and Decision on this matter dated April 14, 2017, the Office of State Aid and School Finance will begin applying this deduction to your district's May 2017 State School Aid payment.

It is my understanding that Ms. McPhail continues to be employed by DCS in a role that administers instructional programs. As indicated in Superintendent Brian Whiston's December 9, 2016 letter to DCS, Ms. McPhail's continued employment by Detroit Community Schools (DCS) continued to accrue deductions of State Aid throughout the period of appeal.

In order to accurately determine the amount of this deduction and eligibility for an extended repayment period, the MDE requests an official notification on district letterhead sent **within five (5) business days from the date of this** letter providing the following information:

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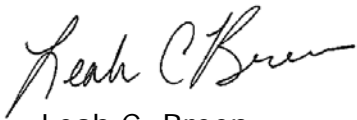
- Official documentation that demonstrates the date that DCS terminated Ms. McPhail or reassigned her to a position that does not constitute "administering instructional programs."
- If DCS reassigned Ms. McPhail, her acting title, full job description and listing of current duties.

For expediency, this notification may be sent via e-mail to me directly at BreenL1@michigan.gov.

If we do not receive this official notification by Monday, May 1, 2017, we will assume that Ms. McPhail has remained in her position in contravention of MCL 388.1763, and apply a full deduction, using an estimated monthly salary of \$10,833.33 spanning for a period of nineteen months with the May State Aid payment. Additionally, for every month after May 1, 2017, Ms. McPhail remains in a position administering instructional programs, the District's monthly State Aid payment will be less \$10,833.33.

As a reminder, MCL 388.1615 allows the MDE to grant an extended repayment period of up to four years if the district provides evidence that issuance of the full deduction in a single payment would cause significant hardship in meeting the district's financial obligations. The request must be received via email to MayC@michigan.gov **before May 1, 2017**, in order to be considered.

Sincerely,



Leah C. Breen
Director
Office of Professional Preparation Services

cc: Brian Whiston, State Superintendent
Phil Boone, Interim Director, Office of State Aid and School Finance
Robert Dulin, Secretary, Detroit Community Schools Board of Directors